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DHHS Joins UNMC in Statewide Survey of Behavioral Health

LINCOLN - The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Behavioral Health is collaborating with the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health for a survey designed to help provide Nebraskans with the most effective and timely service.

The survey seeks input from individuals who are currently or have received behavioral health services in Nebraska and their families, behavioral health providers and other professionals who have working knowledge of the behavioral health system in Nebraska and the general population across the state.

"The input of concerned Nebraskans is essential to helping to shape the state's behavioral health system," said Courtney Phillips, chief executive officer of DHHS. "The results of this survey will be combined with other information gathered as part of a statewide behavioral health needs assessment and used to plan and improve services provided to Nebraskans diagnosed with serious mental illness or substance use disorder."

"In any of these roles you may fill, your voice is an important part of this effort to effectively assess behavioral health needs across the state," added Sheri Dawson, director of the Division on Behavioral Health. "Please consider sharing your thoughts by completing a brief survey."

The survey inquiries about such topics as timely fulfillment of services, availability of specialized treatment such as that for substance use, and any populations (including older adults, the deaf, Hispanic-Americans and African-Americans) being underserved by the current system.

The survey is live now at <https://unmcredcap.unmc.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=4MY7KC7J4K> and will close on June 15 at midnight Central Daylight Time.

Responses to the needs assessment survey will be kept strictly confidential and will only be used to help assess and improve behavioral health services in Nebraska, noted Dawson.

Behavioral Health Needs Assessment

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The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services - Division of Behavioral Health oversees the state's public behavioral health system for the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders. In collaboration with UNMC College of Public Health, the Division of Behavioral Health is seeking input from individuals who are currently or have received behavioral health services in Nebraska and their families, behavioral health providers and other professionals who have working knowledge of the behavioral health system in Nebraska and the general population across the state. In any of these roles you may fill, your voice is an important part of this effort to effectively assess behavioral health needs across the state. Please consider sharing your thoughts by completing a brief survey.

Thank you!

Nebraska Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Project

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. Please take a moment to review this page for information and instructions.

Purpose of this Survey

This survey is being conducted to understand perceptions behavioral health in Nebraska. For the purposes of this assessment, behavioral health includes serious mental illness and substance use disorder. The survey is being conducted by the University of Nebraska Medical Center on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health. The results of the survey will be combined with other information gathered as part of a state-wide behavioral health needs assessment and used to plan and improve services provided to Nebraskans diagnosed with serious mental illness or substance use disorder.

Voluntary & Confidential

Your participation is voluntary.

Your answers will be confidential.

Your answers will be combined with the answers of other people; no individual responses will be included in the final report. Only authorized personnel from the Department of Health and Human Services and University of Nebraska Medical Center which conduct this survey will see your answers.

Screening Questions

* must provide value

- ☐ I work in Nebraska with people who are receiving treatment for serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
- ☐ My work in Nebraska involves interacting with people with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder.
- ☐ I receive or have received services in Nebraska for serious mental illness.
- ☐ I receive or have received services in Nebraska for substance use disorder.
- ☐ My family member receives or has received services in Nebraska for serious mental illness.
- ☐ My family member receives or has received services in Nebraska for substance use disorder.
- ☐ None of the above apply to me.

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